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At the end of this epistle, Paul has one question on his mind, “What are you about?” When it comes to your religious commitments and spiritual perspective, Paul wants to know what you are boasting in. He knows that we’ll boast about something, and so he’s concerned that we be boasting about the right thing—because, in spiritual and eternal matters, a false boast has tremendous
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